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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Kris Balaji, Office of Federal Transportation Program Management

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: MTC 2003 FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 2003-02

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 2003-02 to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) 2003 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The amendment was submitted with your letter dated April 1, 2003. The MTC Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 3500, revised on March 26, 2003, approving these program modifications. The amendment primarily includes the programming of carryover funds for projects with unobligated prior year funding, the programming of the lump sum projects that were not previously approved, and modifications to exempt projects.

The changes made to the program by this amendment are either projects exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR 93.126 and/or 93.127] or projects that are already included in both the current FTIP and in the regional emissions analysis for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/FTIP. Therefore, we find the changes to the program made by this amendment do not require a conformity determination. This finding has been coordinated with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 office.

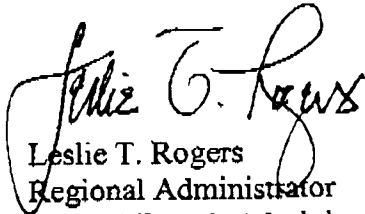
The FHWA and FTA accept these program modifications in accordance with the Federal Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Regulations. The FHWA and FTA find that MTC's FTIP Amendment No. 2003-02 was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134 and the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53).

This letter constitutes joint FHWA/FTA approval for inclusion of MTC Amendment No. 2003-02 into the California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP. This programming approval is for those projects in the first three years (FY 01, 02 and 03) of the FTIP. The FHWA/FTA accept those


projects programmed in the fourth year and beyond for informational purposes only. Transit projects listed after September 30, 2004 are not eligible for pre-ward authority at this time.

If you would like to discuss this amendment approval please contact Ms. Sue Kiser of FHWA at 916-498-5009 or Ms. Donna Turchie of FTA at (415) 744-2737.

Sincerely,



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